



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing to receive public input on community needs for the City's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the City's application for federal funding.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

In Fiscal Year 2021-22, the City of Austin expects to receive approximately \$13.7 million in federal funding through four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these HUD grants, the City must submit an annual Action Plan that provides an overview of the community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development and public services.

This public hearing is required by the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which sets forth procedures for citizen participation in the development of each annual Action Plan. The CPP is a community developed plan - required by HUD - that is designed to encourage participation of city residents in the development of the annual Action Plan. The steps for public participation include four total public hearings during the formation of the Action Plan: two before the Austin City Council and two before the Community Development Commission (CDC). There is also a 30-day comment period on the draft Action Plan.

The two initial public hearings are conducted to receive input on the community's needs and service gaps. The public hearing before the CDC scheduled for April 13, 2021, and the public hearing before the Austin City Council scheduled for April 22, 2021.

The draft Action Plan is scheduled to be available for public comment on May 6, 2021. During the public comment period, two additional public hearings will be conducted to receive input on the draft plan, one before the CDC and one before the City Council. It is anticipated that the City Council will take final action on the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Action Plan on July 29, 2021, prior to the submission deadline of August 16, 2021, to HUD.